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Neal Road Landfill to institute Uncovered Load Fee

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In an effort to keep Butte County's roadways free from litter and debris, the Neal Road Landfill will be instituting a new fee for all uncovered loads of trash being brought to the landfill effective February 1, 2009. An additional fee of \$8.11 will be assessed for each uncovered load at the scale house upon weighing.

"The load must be covered in a manner to prevent dropping, blowing or spilling onto the roadway during transport" said Bill Mannel, Butte County Solid Waste Manager. The definition mirrors that in the vehicle code.

Landfill management conducted a survey and determined that approximately 24% of customers do not cover their loads of trash delivered to the landfill. "Butte County Public Work spends approximately \$124,000 per year removing litter and trash from public roadways." Mannel said. The Board of Supervisors approved the new landfill gate fee in anticipation that the fee will encourage residents to cover their load of trash properly.

"Daily we witness trash blowing off of trucks and trailers daily heading to the landfill on Neal Road because the trash is not covered. Then, we have to send crews out to pick up the trash; a waste of manpower that could be performing other important work" said Mannel.

The Neal Road Landfill has been notifying customers of the impending fee since the middle of 2008 so the majority of Landfill users are already aware of the tarping requirements.